

APPENDIX E

PROCEDURE FOR ACCOUNTING FOR SERIES
AND PARALLEL HEAT FLOW PATHS

E1: For envelope assemblies containing metal framing: The U_i shall be determined by using one of the following methods:

- 1. Results from laboratory or field test measurements. One of the procedures specified in 780 CMR 3108.2 shall be used.
- 2. The thermal resistance of those roof and wall assemblies listed in Tables E-1 and E-2 shall be corrected using the following procedures:

The total resistance of the heat flow path (R_t) is determined from the Equation E-1:

$R_t = R_i + R_e$

Where:

- $R = 1/U$
- R_t = the total resistance of the envelope assembly.
- R_i for: $i = 1$ to n , is the resistance of the series elements.

R_e is the equivalent resistance of the element containing the parallel path, and the value of R_e is:

$R_e = R \text{ value of insulation} \times F_c$
(where F_c is the parallel path correction factor)

The Parallel Path correction Factors (F_c) may be obtained from tests conducted using procedures listing in 780 CMR 3108.2. Parallel Path Correction Factors for some envelope assemblies are listed in Tables E-1 and E-2.

Table E-1
ROOFS: PARALLEL PATH
CORRECTION FACTORS¹

Bridged												
R-Value	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	40	45	50	55	
Correction Factor	1.0	0.96	0.92	0.88	0.85	0.79	0.76	0.73	0.71	0.69	0.67	

Note 1. Table E-1 values are based upon: Metal trusses with 4-ft. spacing that penetrate the insulation, and 0.66 inch diameter crossmembers every one ft.

Table E-2
WALL SECTIONS WITH METAL STUDS:
PARALLEL PATH CORRECTION
FACTORS

Size of Members	Gauge of Stud	Spacing of Framing	Cavity Insulation	Correction Factor
			R-Value	
2 x 4	18 - 16	16" o.c.	R-11	0.50
2 x 4	18 - 16	24" o.c.	R-11	0.60
2 x 6	18 - 16	16" o.c.	R-11	0.40
2 x 6	18 - 16	24" o.c.	R-11	0.45

Table E-3
CALCULATION PROCEDURES FOR
EVALUATING ALL SERIES
AND PARALLEL HEAT FLOW PATHS

Type of Material to which bridge is attached		BRIDGE TYPE	
		Metal	Non-Metal
		Thermal Bridges in Sheet Metal Construction Method	
	Metal		Parallel Path
	Non-Metal	Zone Method	Parallel Path

- 3. For elements with internal metallic structures bonded on one or both sides to a metal skin or covering, the "Thermal Bridges in Sheet Metal Construction," the calculation procedure as specified in "Thermal Bridges in Sheet Metal Construction," *Studies in Building Physics* (Johannesson, Gudni. 1981. Division of Building Technology, Lund Institute of Technology, Lund, Sweden. Report of TVBH-3007) shall be used.
- 4. For elements other than those covered above, the zone method described in Chapter 23 of the ASHRAE Handbook, 1985 Fundamentals Volume shall be used. The formulas on pages 23.13-.14 shall be used for calculation.

E2: For envelope assemblies containing Non-metal Framing, the U_i shall be determined from results from one of the laboratory or field test measurements specified in 780 CMR 3108.2 or from the ASHRAE series parallel method. Formulas in Chapter 23, page 23.2 of the ASHRAE

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Handbook, 1985 Fundamentals Volume shall be
used for these calculations.

